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WORKING DRAFT  
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Some Items for Discussion:

1. It would seem that we have several good rebuttals to two charges of "failure" that could be given to the press on a background basis.

A. Portugal: We have been accused of an "intelligence failure" regarding the 1974 coup. (a) It should be pointed out that it is U.S. G. policy not to poke around in the domestic politics of our NATO allies, therefore, unless Congress wants to change that policy, it will have to expect that U.S. intelligence is not going to be able to forecast coups with any high degree of reliability. (b) U.S. Intelligence is not aimed at such allies, therefore this was not a failure of intelligence--it may have been a failure in Embassy and Foreign Service reporting. (c) Hyland is quoted as saying "we need to pay more attention to all potential trouble spots." Who is going to provide the budget resources to make this possible? Under Congressional direction we have moved to cut back our overseas stations and to give priority to ~~as follows~~

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B. Tet Offensive: Congress has heard testimony from Sam Adams that U.S. Intelligence "cooked" Order of Battle figures for political purposes. Other than printed rebuttals by Proctor , the Community has been given no opportunity to put forward its case. Congress owes us "equal time."

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2. Some other topics for backgrounders might be:

A. Should the DCI be a cabinet or subcabinet official? Should he be drawn from the inside or outside? Should there be a cabinet-level DCI and a D/CIA to run the Agency?

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B. Rebut Senator Mondale's proposal to split DDO from DDI. Any number of ~~examples~~

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intelligence and needed to develop its own capabilities, etc. In addition, splitting out the DDO means that DDA-- and possibly the collection functions of DDS&T--would go with the DDO, leaving an isolated DDI which would be a tempting target for empire builders in other Departments. The absorption of the DDI by another Department threatens objectivity.

C. Judicious support for Kissinger's position that in-house memoranda, working papers, and draft proposals from the working levels are not subject to public revelation or Congressional subpoena. If they were, the result would be greatly reduced willingness to write anything down, hesitation to propose imaginative new ideas, and greatly constricted internal communications in all Departments and Agencies. The McCarthy era precedence has been used, but should be repeated.

D. Future subjects of U.S. Intelligence interest: Food, population, energy resources, commercial rivalries.

E. Discuss the position in other countries of their clandestine services. For example, the British service does not legally exist, Sweden jails people for mentioning the Swedish service, etc. While this won't do for America, an independent, objective intelligence service must continue to exist and its legitimate secrets must be protected. Rebut the notion that the DCI's sources and methods proposal would affect reporters--it makes it a crime for people who are authorized access to classified information to reveal that information to unauthorized people, but it provides no penalties for the "revealee."

F. Discuss the importance of communications intelligence and its fragile nature. The seeming harmlessness of the "four little words" has obscured the real issue of protecting communications intelligence.

G. Provide more information on the counter-intelligence mission and function...i.e., illegals, double agents, etc. While we make some information available on the KGB, it gets little play in the press because it is presented in a dry, statistical fashion. A few carefully selected (sanitized, hoked-up, or whatever) war stories would be very useful. (Note: DDO is already trying to find items that could be used in this way.)

3. In discussing whether our policy should be changed regarding increased openness and accessibility, should we also reconsider our policy of not providing assistance in any way to former Agency employees now writing books. DDO felt we should help neither friends nor enemies. Should we reconsider?

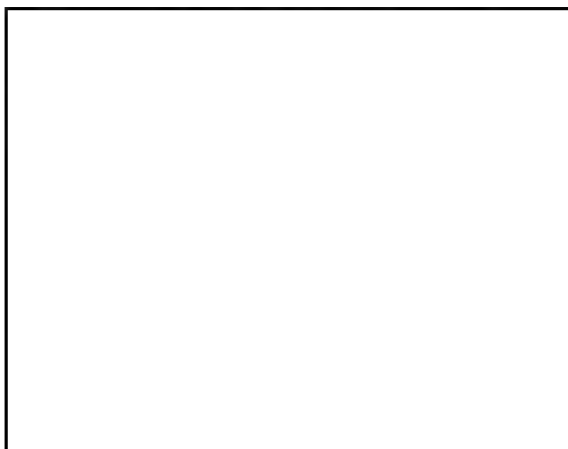
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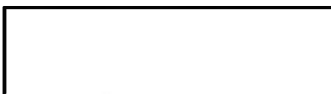
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